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Taungthus 25X1A

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1. Leading anti-Sawbwa Shans do not consider that the recent action of the Shan chiefs in renouncing their executive powers will have any immediate effect on the power of the Shan chiefs, because these powers were turned over to the Shan State Government which is controlled by the Sawbwas.
2. The next objective of the anti-Sawbwa Shans is to get the Burmese Parliament to amend that section of the constitution which gives the Sawbwas 25 of the 50 Parliamentary seats allotted to the Shan States.¹
3. U TUN AYE² and the Taungthus have a secret agreement with the Anti-Fascist Peoples Freedom League (AFPFL). The Taungthu guerrillas will attack the Sawbwa-controlled Shan Levies, but they are not antagonistic to the Burma Army.

25X1A [] Comment. [] 4 October 1952 it was reported that the
25X1A Burmese Parliament had granted the War Office permission to declare martial
law in the Shan States if the necessity arose. At the present time, it is
not thought that the declaration will be forthcoming as long as U TUN AYE
maintains his influence with the Taungthus, although Burma Communist Party
(BCP) revolutionary propaganda among them has increased.

25X1X 1. Comment. Twenty-five of the thirty-three Shan State Sawbwas hold all the seats allotted to the Shan States in the Burmese House of Nationalities.

25X1A 2. Comment. U TUN AYE is an anti-Communist leader in opposition to Sawbwa rule. The Taungthu tribe, which is also strongly opposed to the Sawbwas, has accepted him as its leading spokesman even though TUN AYE is a Shan.

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[redacted] Comment. [redacted] U TUN AYE recently rejected the post of Commercial Commissioner in Tokyo offered by Foreign Minister HKUN HKIO. TUN AYE said he was afraid his carefully organized anti-Sawbwa and anti-Communist movement would disintegrate or be captured by the Communists if he left Burma.

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